

The 6th Official Newsletter!

Well, it's almost Christmas! Can you believe it!? I've been an old married woman for six months already! ☺ Married life is so good to me!

I can't go into all the details due to space, but Nathan, Trevor and I will be moving back to Colorado Springs from Rapid City, South Dakota in mid-Dec. It's been a tumultuous time for us so please keep us in your prayers.

I hope you are doing well. As always I am so blessed to be able to communicate with you in this way.

Highlights:

We're going to break tradition this newsletter and put the "Highlights" before the "From My Heart" section as there are some things...like **upcoming concerts** I want to make sure you don't miss!

- Thus far, Stephanie Pauline Ministries has been an auxiliary of my home church in MN, Cornerstone Community Center, but as of this coming year (2004) we will be on our own! Praise God! We will be our own non-profit organization and the name, Stephanie Pauline Ministries, will become **More than Music, Inc.** Look for more information in the near future!
- I was featured in the Rapid City paper; a good-sized article too, just above an article about an upcoming Toby Keith concert. I guess that's one of the perks of living in a smaller community!
- I had a full-length concert at the Salvation Army Corps in Rapid City and also did a mini-concert for the camp out here in Rapid.
- I wrote 16 or so songs, arranging one of them.
- I had a concert in Springfield, CO the evening of November 30th. I was featured in the Springfield and Campo Newspapers.

- I have three **concerts coming up** here in the next month or so...
 - One scheduled In Rapid City on the 7th of December
 - One in Colorado Springs but we don't have the details nailed down for you yet, CO friends. Just be watching for a flyer!
 - Last but certainly not least, one at the Dream Coat Café' **in the Twin Cities**, (Stillwater), soon – date yet to be confirmed. Watch for a flyer. I've recruited DAVID PEIGHTAL, (former guitarist and singer of the band Pegtop), to help me with the music for this gig! I'm so excited to work with him in this way.
- I'm still working on completing a children's book. Actually, the writing is done, but I'm working on painting the illustrations for it. Don't laugh! I can paint...well kind of!

From My Heart:

Life is sure full of ups and downs. Profound thought, I know, (recognize the sarcasm?), but as simple a thought as that is, it can lead to some profound truths. Perhaps it is in accepting life's ups and downs that we finally find ourselves free of their power. (Or rather truly gives them the power to be used on our behalf. You'll understand this sentiment in a couple paragraphs. For now just bear with me)

“What makes a person truly happy?” It is the question that the ages have pondered, and that Solomon's mighty mind poured out on page after page in Ecclesiastes. Is it wealth, sex, power, intellect, security, friendships, work, or even the lack of all these above mentioned things? Yes. “What?” you ask. Yes, it is all of these. How can it be both having friendship and not having friendship, both wealth and a lack of wealth, security and a distinct loss of security? Well, you see all of

these things have the potential of directing us to God and in as much as they do they can bring happiness.

For example, my husband is a beautiful gift from God as is my son and so by virtue of their being they lead me to thankfulness to God, which inevitably fills me with true joy. Or on a different note, our current instability with Nathan's job and having to move state to state yet again, causes us as a family to rely more wholly on God's provision and guidance, which when met with His unyielding, ultimate faithfulness, even in this seemingly insecure place I am again so filled with joy. It's a "peace that passes all understanding" and it's right here for the taking. In whatever circumstances we may find ourselves.

There is a verse from the Bible I love that clearly delineates the kind of woman I want to be (dependent on the day, of course): It's this, "She smiles at the future." (Proverbs 31:25) It is this almost audacious faith in the fact that whatever may come it will be worked out for our good, that is my daily strength when life doesn't turn out quite the way I had thought it would. Of course, even Solomon recognized that there "is a time to laugh and a time to cry," and even "Jesus wept" and suffered bouts of anxiety that brought sweat droplets of blood pouring down his face. However, even in our expressions of pain, confusion or anger, that cause us to stumble to our knees, God's presence can, and will, bring that sweet peace and welling joy in time.

I don't have all the answers and as I stare into an uncertain future I can't help but feel some fear, but mostly I just feel an overwhelming sense of "Bring it On!" (Remind me I said that when I'm buckling beneath the weight of my next bout of trying times. No, I'm only kidding; just love me then. "Weep with those who weep.")

Still, the glory of a growing walk with God is the building history of all the times He's brought you through. That also lends nicely to one's uncanny ability to smile at the future. Our history either starts or continues that building process right now. So go ahead, allow God entry into your depths, straighten your back, lift your head, fill your chest with pure air, fix your gaze steady before you, now let your lips curl up at the edges, and feel the power of true peace, and true happiness. In Him...it's all good!

Please note: I am by no means expressing a comprehensive text on my views on pain and how God allows it to be used, nor am I saying that all pain is "from" God or is "good" in that sense. I am saying that through Christ the struggles of our lives can be so utterly turned around and used for our good, and the good of others that in hindsight they almost can, (at times), become the "good" in which they are now ensconced.

Prayer Needs:

- That God would continue to lead this ministry and my life; that I would be pure and humble before Him, with wisdom as my guide.
- Growing family would be filled to overflowing with love and unity so that love naturally and inevitably pours out on all around us.
- That God would give me songs and words straight from His heart. That I would have courage, anointing and stamina enough to bring God's spirit with me into every concert I give. That God would open the doors He wants opened.
- That our continuing financial needs would be provided and that God would call people He chooses to support me monthly as they are led.
- That God would bring the musicians, producers, recording

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engineers, and sound people of His choosing to partner in this ministry.

Involvement Opportunities:

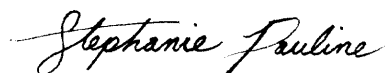
- * If you would like to become a part of our prayer team please check the appropriate box.
- * You can always purchase CDs by sending in the order form below or by going online to www.StephaniePauline.org. Your ongoing support in this area is much appreciated and serves as a great encouragement to me.
- * You can give monthly towards the music ministry. All the proceeds will be used for that express purpose as my living expenses are now entirely covered by my husband. Praise God for that! I could really use some more monthly supporters as recently a donor had to cut back their monthly

giving. Anything you could give would be a great blessing to me. There are many projects that need funding in the works. (I hand CDs out to lots of kids and am needing to get some more duplicated soon.)

- * Please call (651) 226-8268 to book concerts.

Thank you very much for your time and attention. Until next quarter may you be truly blessed in all you set your hands and heart to.

In perpetual awe of the Infinite Possible that is the God I serve and love,



Stephanie Pauline
Singer/songwriter/and mostly just a child of God ☺

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*I am committing to sending you support in the amount of _____ a month, and I want to be a part of the S.P.M. club.

Yes No

*I want to be added to your prayer chain.

Yes No

(this would include committing to pray for Stephanie and the ministry's specific needs, and receiving a very occasional call from another prayer chain member in case of great need.)

*I want to be a voice in my area and place flyers and/or CD displays with CD's

Yes No

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